IN THE BRYAN MUNICIPAL COURT
IN AND FOR WILLIAMS COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO,
Plaintiff,
: CASE NO. CRB2400102
JEREMY LEE SHEPHERD,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF STRUCTURAL DEFECT AND REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF JURISDICTION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE PRESIDING AND TO ALL PARTIES:

Defendant Jeremy Lee Shepherd, pro se, respectfully submits this Notice for the limited purpose of preserving the record and requesting clarification regarding the Court's jurisdiction in this matter.

The criminal complaint in this matter was signed by Lisa L. Nye, who identified herself as "Deputy Clerk" of this Court.

Public records, including a 2008 Certificate of Appointment from the Williams County Sheriff's Office, confirm that Ms. Nye has been continuously employed by the Williams County Sheriff's Office from at least 2013 to the present. Her appointment is to the position of Deputy Clerk within the Sheriff's Office, not the Court.

Ms. Nye does not perform merely administrative duties. Public records and her own digital presence confirm she:

- Delivers warrants for the Sheriff's Office;
- Assists with active criminal investigations;
- Manages the Sheriff's Office social media and public communications.

The Ohio Supreme Court, in State v. Hobbs, 133 Ohio St.3d 43 (2012), unanimously held that a person serving in a law enforcement capacity while simultaneously performing a judicial function is not a neutral and detached magistrate, and any warrant or complaint issued based on such a person's finding of probable cause is invalid.

Ms. Nye's active involvement in law enforcement functions (investigations, warrant service) combined with her employment by the Sheriff's Office creates an inherent and disqualifying conflict of interest. She is an agent of the prosecution, not a neutral judicial officer. A criminal complaint signed by a person without lawful authority is void from its inception. A void complaint cannot confer jurisdiction, and a void judgment may be challenged at any time.

Defendant raises this issue solely to preserve the record and to prevent further prejudice to all parties caused by a potentially foundational defect.

Defendant is not requesting relief at this time, other than the clarification requested herein.

REQUEST

REQUEST WHEREFORE,

Defendant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court issue a written clarification stating, for the record, whether the Court affirms that jurisdiction in this matter was properly invoked, given the Deputy Clerk who signed the initiating complaint, Lisa Nye, was an active employee of the Williams County Sheriff's Office performing law enforcement duties at the time she signed the initiating complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeremy Lee Shepherd

Jeremy Lee Shepherd

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Date: June 24th, 2026

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 24th 2026, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing "Notice of Structural Defect and Request for Clarification of Jurisdiction" was served upon the following via email:

James F. Duranczyk, City Prosecutor

c/o pnickolite@cityofbryan.com

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeremy Lee Shepherd

Jeremy Lee Shepherd